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ALTON MAN SENTENCED FOR
FIREARM VIOLATION

   KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that an Alton, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

   Alvie W. Hastings, 31, of Alton, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Richard E. Dorr this morning to eight years and four months in federal prison without parole.

   On Jan. 16, 2004, **Hastings** pleaded guilty to being in possession of a Marlin .22 caliber rifle and ammunition in Oregon County, Mo., on June 15, 2003. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Hastings** has a 2000 criminal felony conviction for reckless aggravated assault in Maury County, Tenn., and a 1993 criminal felony conviction for stealing in Oregon County.

   Hastings was arrested on June 15, 2003, Graves said, following a domestic dispute. His wife called the sheriff's office after **Hastings** shot out two tires on the family car, as well as threatening his sister-in-law and firing the rifle in her direction as she ran to a neighbor's house. When deputies arrived, Graves said, **Hastings** had hidden the rifle but threatened law enforcement officers with a large stick before being arrested. **Hastings** attempted to flee, Graves added, but was caught.

   This case was prosecuted by Deputy U.S. Attorney Michael A. Jones. It was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Oregon County, Mo., Sheriff's Department.

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